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OF LIVER DISEASES IN EGYPT, OCTOBER 14-27, 1978, - OFFICIAL
TRAVEL OF PARTICIPANTS

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1. EMBASSY ADVISED WORKING CONFERENCE AND STUDY OF LIVER
DISEASES IN EGYPT WILL BE HELD OCTOBER 14-27, 1978. LIVER
DISEASE, HEPATITIS, AND COMPLICATIONS FROM VARIOUS INFEC-
TIOUS AND PARASITIC AGENTS WERE IDENTIFIED AS AREAS OF
PRIMARY CONCERN IN THE EARLIEST DELIBERATIONS OF THE
SUBCOMMITTEE FOR BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH OF THE JOINT WORKING
GROUP ON MEDICAL COOPERATION. IN DISCUSSIONS OF THE
SUBCOMMITTEE WITH HIS EXCELLENCY THE MINISTER OF HEALTH IN
JULY 1977 AND JANUARY 1978, PLANS WERE LAID FOR A SELECT
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TEAM OF U.S. CLINICAL INVESTIGATORS AND BIOMEDICAL RE-
SEARCHERS INVOLVED WITH THESE PROBLEMS TO VISIT EGYPT. THE
POTENTIAL SCOPE OF THE SUBJECTS, THEIR INTERRELATIONSHIP,
AND THE DETAILED INTERESTS AND PROBLEMS PREVIOUSLY IDENTI-
FIED BY THE SUBCOMMITTEE WERE FOUND TO BE SUCH THAT IT WAS
NECESSARY TO SCHEDULE TWO ONE-DAY PLANNING MEETINGS AT NIH
IN PREPARATION FOR THIS CONFERENCE. ONE MEETING WAS

CONCERNED WITH LIVER DISEASE AND THE OTHER CONCERNED WITH

HEPATITIS. THE REPORT OF THIS MEETING AND ITS APPENDIX, WHICH IS TWENTY PAGES IN LENGTH, WAS PRESENTED TO DR. AHMED BADRAN, CO-CHAIRMAN OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE FOR BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH, DURING THE JUNE 1978 MEETING OF THE JWG AND TO OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS IN CAIRO AND ALEXANDRIA. THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS WHO WILL PARTICIPATE HAS BEEN REDUCED FROM THAT PROPOSED IN THE REPORT. IN ADDITION TO THEIR EXPERTISE AND AREA OF INTEREST, MEMBERS WERE SELECTED ON THE BASIS OF THEIR PLANS AND COMMITMENT TO DEVELOP AND PARTICIPATE IN A RESEARCH COLLABORATION WITH ATTENTION TO PARTICIPATION OF BOTH U.S. UNIVERSITY AND GOVERNMENT SCIENTISTS.

2. SUBSEQUENT TO THE ABOVE PLANNING CONFERENCES, THE INFORMATION ON PAGES 32 AND 33, PARAGRAPH II, NEW PROJECTS; SUBPARAGRAPH 1, PROJECT FOR LIVER DISEASE CENTERS REPORT OF SUBCOMMITTEE 1, STRENGTHENING HEALTH SERVICES, JWG REPORT OF MEETING JUNE 3-6, 1978, HAS BEEN BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE U.S. SUBCOMMITTEE FOR BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH AND PARTICIPANTS IN THIS WORKING CONFERENCE AND STUDY OF LIVER DISEASES. THIS PROPOSAL WILL HAVE A DIRECT BEARING ON THE PLANS AND DISCUSSIONS OF THE RESEARCH SUBCOMMITTEE AND ITS LIVER DISEASE SURVEY TEAM. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO ARRANGE FOR AID TO GIVE THE LIVER TEAM A GENERAL UNCLASSIFIED

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BRIEFING INCLUDING A DETAILED CONSIDERATION OF THE PROPOSAL FOR LIVER DISEASE CENTERS.

3. THE DATES OF OCTOBER 14-24 WERE AGREED UPON FOR THE CONFERENCE IN A RECENT TELEPHONE CONVERSATION WITH DR. AHMED BADRAN. THE PARTICIPANTS WILL BE AS FOLLOWS:

4. DR. HAROLD ROTH, TEAM LEADER, ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF DIGESTIVE DISEASES AND NUTRITION, NIAMDD, NIH - SPECIAL INTEREST: GASTROENTEROLOGY.

5. DR. MICHAEL DUNN, WALTER REED INSTITUTE OF RESEARCH - SPECIAL INTERESTS: SCHISTOSOMIASIS, LIVER COLLAGEN METABOLISM, AND HEPATIC ENCEPHALOPATHY. SEMINAR OFFERED: LIVER FIBROSIS IN SCHISTOSOMIASIS.

6. DR. CHARLES HALSTED, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF MEDICINE, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA - SPECIAL INTEREST: INTERRELATIONSHIPS OF FOLATE AND ZINC METABOLISM AND REQUIREMENTS, INTESTINAL FUNCTION IN LIVER DISEASE, RELATIONSHIP OF MALNUTRITION TO INTESTINAL FUNCTION, AND ROLE OF MALNUTRITION IN IMMUNE FUNCTION. SEMINARS OFFERED: MALNUTRITION

IN CHRONIC LIVER DISEASE, TROPICAL INTESTINAL MALABSORPTION, PHYSIOLOGY OF INTESTINAL ABSORPTION, AND HUMAN ZINC DEFICIENCY.

7. DR. RUSSELL JOHNSON, DEPARTMENT OF MICROBIOLOGY, UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA - SPECIAL INTERESTS: TREPONEMATOSES (SYPHILIS, YAWS) AND RELAPSING FEVER (BORRELIOSIS). SEMINAR OFFERED: LEPTOSPIROSIS.

8. DR. DAVID MADDEN, HEAD, SECTION ON IMMUNO CHEMISTRY AND CLINICAL INVESTIGATION, NINCDS, NIH - SPECIAL INTERESTS: EPIDEMIOLOGY OF HEPATITIS AND DIAGNOSIS OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES. SEMINARS OFFERED: SEROIMMUNODIAGNOSTIC TECHNIQUES FOR VIRAL DISEASES AND USE OF THE ENZYME- UNCLASSIFIED

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LINKED IMMUNOSORBENT ASSAY (ELISA) FOR DIAGNOSIS OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES. WORKSHOP OFFERED: A FEW DEMONSTRATION AND INSTRUCTION SESSIONS OF ONE-HALF DAY LENGTH ON USE OF THE ELISA TECHNIQUES CAN BE GIVEN. THIS ELISA TECHNIQUE IS ONE OF THE MOST SIMPLE HIGHLY SENSITIVE TECHNIQUES AVAILABLE FOR SEROIMMUNODIAGNOSIS. THE BASIC REQUIREMENTS ARE VERY SIMPLE AND CAN BE MADE IN ALMOST ANY LABORATORY. INFORMATION NECESSARY TO CONJUGATE ANTISERUM AND STANDARDIZE TESTS WILL BE PRESENTED DURING THE WORKSHOP.

9. DR. WILLIS MADDREY, JOHNS HOPKINS HOSPITAL - SPECIAL INTERESTS: ACUTE AND CHRONIC HEPATITIS AND ALCOHOLIC LIVER DISEASE. SEMINAR OFFERED: CHRONIC HEPATITIS (PATHOGENESIS, CLASSIFICATION, AND TREATMENT).

10. DR. ROBERT PURCELL, HEAD, HEPATITIS VIRUSES SECTION, NIAID, NIH. SPECIAL INTEREST: VIRAL HEPATITIS. SEMINARS OFFERED: HEPATITIS A VIRUS, HEPATITIS B VIRUS, NON-A, NON-B HEPATITIS VIRUSES, CONTROL OF VIRAL HEPATITIS (CURRENT STATUS), EPIDEMIOLOGY OF VIRAL HEPATITIS AND VIROLOGY OF VIRAL HEPATITIS.

11. DR. HARVEY SHARP, UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA - SPECIAL INTERESTS: HEPATOMEGALY IN CHILDREN AND NUTRITION (ORAL ALIMENTATION IN INFANTS AND CHILDREN). SEMINARS OFFERED: INFANTILE CHOLESTASIS AND METABOLIC LIVER DISEASE IN CHILDREN

12. DR. MORRIS JONES, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, CHIEF, SPECIAL FOREIGN CURRENCY PROGRAM BRANCH, FIC, NIH.

13. NIH UNDERSTANDS FROM DR. BADRAN THAT THE LIVER
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HEPATITIS CONFERENCE REPORT WILL BE THE GENERAL GUIDELINE FOR ARRANGEMENTS IN CAIRO AND ALEXANDRIA. THE LISTED SEMINAR TOPICS ARE EXPECTED TO BE AN IMPORTANT MEANS OF ENCOURAGING INTEREST IN LIVER RESEARCH, OF BRINGING NEW INFORMATION TO THE BIOMEDICAL SCIENCE COMMUNITY AND OF IDENTIFYING AND EVALUATING POTENTIAL RESEARCH COLLABORATORS IN BOTH THE CLINICAL AND BASIC SCIENCES.

14. NIH PLANS ON OFFERING AT LEAST TWO ELISA TECHNIQUE WORKSHOPS AT PLACES SELECTED BY DR. AHMED BADRAN. IT IS ASSUMED ONE WILL BE AT DR. IMAN'S LABORATORIES IN AGOUZA AND IN ALEXANDRIA AT THE HIGH INSTITUTE OF PUBLIC HEALTH OR AT THE DEPARTMENT OF MICROBIOLOGY, HEADED BY DR. HUSSEIN MAZLOUN, AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ALEXANDRIA MEDICAL SCHOOL. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO ASK DR. AHMED BADRAN TO INFORM JONES, NIH, BEFORE AUGUST 22ND IF ADDITIONAL SESSIONS ARE DESIRED SO THAT REAGENTS AND EQUIPMENT CAN BE ORDERED, PACKED, AND SENT TO EMBASSY IN ADVANCE OF MEETING. EMBASSY REQUESTED TRANSMIT THE AFOREMENTIONED INFORMATION.

15. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO TRANSMIT THE ABOVE INFORMATION TO DR. AHMED BADRAN, DR. RAYMOND WATTEN, C.O. NAMRU 3, DR. A. M. SUDEK, VICE CHANCELLOR UNIVERSITY OF ALEXANDRIA MEDICAL SCHOOL, AND PROFESSOR HUSSEIN, DEAN, PROFESSOR OF BIOSTATISTICS, HIGH INSTITUTE OF PUBLIC HEALTH, WITH WHOM THIS MEETING WAS DISCUSSED DURING DR. JACOBS' VISIT IN JUNE 1978.

16. ACCOMODATIONS FOR PARTICIPANTS ARE REQUESTED WITH HILTON AS FIRST CHOICE AND MERIDIEN AS SECOND CHOICE. EXACT DATES OF ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE AND FISCAL DATA FOR PARTICIPANTS WILL BE FURNISHED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. MEANWHILE, EMBASSY REQUESTED MAKE RESERVATIONS ASSUMING PARTICIPANTS WILL ARRIVE OCTOBER 13 AND REMAIN THROUGH 27TH. DR. MORRIS JONES REQUESTS RESERVATIONS OCTOBER 12 THROUGH 28. VANCE

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